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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
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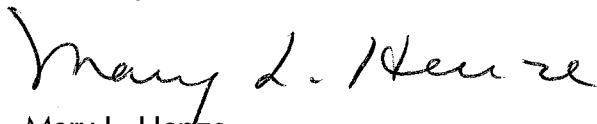
***Re: WC Dkt. 03-228, Sec 272(b)(1)'s "Operate Independently"  
Requirement for Sec 272 Affiliates.***

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On January 13, the undersigned and Steve Earnest of BellSouth met with Scott Bergmann, Christi Shewman, and Pam Megna (via phone) of the Wireline Competition Bureau. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues raised in the above proceeding. BellSouth's comments reflected the positions already expressed on the record in its written Comments and Reply Comments.

This notice is being filed pursuant to Sec. 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules. If you have any questions regarding this filing please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
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